

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 1721

FOR ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L.)  
SUBJECT: ATHERTON TRAVEL AND APPOINTMENTS

REF: AMMAN 2114

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY MANSOURI CALLED ME DURING EVENING OF MARCH 5 AND SAID HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO REACH PRINCE SAUD BY PHONE IN SWITZERLAND THAT DAY. HE SAID THAT SAUD KEEPS POSTPONING HIS RETURN AND HE STILL DOES NOT KNOW WHEN HE IS COMING BACK TO SAUDI ARABIA.

2. I SUGGESTED THAT SAUD AND ATHERTON MIGHT MEET SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE ON MARCH 9, IF SAUD DOES NOT PLAN TO RETURN BY MARCH 8. MANSOURI SAID THIS MIGHT BE THE BEST SOLUTION AND SUGGESTED THAT WE TRY TO REACH SAUD THROUGH OUR RESPECTIVE  
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DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN GENEVA. HE ASKED THAT WE MAKE THE APPROACH SINCE OUR COMMUNICATIONS WERE BETTER THAN SAG'S.

3. IF YOU AGREE, YOU COULD ASK OUR MISSION IN GENEVA TO APPROACH THE SAUDI MISSION THERE AND SUGGEST A MEETING WITH SAUD IN GENEVA ON MARCH 9.

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